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Jan. 11-1903

Acts 16:28.30 + V μ
Mar. 12-'05

He can ^{not} think of many conditions into which a man may get in this life where he ceases to attach great importance to himself. He thinks of his own ability, his own strength and wisdom and is very liable to endeavor or despair accordingly. More than half of success is in knowing what has been provided and in knowing where to find that which is well made complete and ready for use. There are cases when life depends upon your planning and providing for yourself. But in the matter of our eternal salvation life depends not upon your planning and providing but upon your believing and appropriating that which has been already planned and provided. However dangerous and ruinous the lost state may be and is no man realizes.

Acts 16:29-30

it while he is under the influence of Satan. For it is his business to make men believe that they are safe. He says to men just live a moral life, that is your idea of a moral life and it will be well with you.

We see in this lost man:—

1st Esteem and honor for God's Servants.
But it was after a) they had been awakened by God's power & b) they had been made to see themselves lost.

2nd A desire to save himself. He was willing to employ all of his powers.

3rd A great mistake. Thinking that he could save himself.

4th The need of spiritual knowledge.
May God operate in each one of our lives so that we may be awakened out of our sinful slumbers. And that we may always feel that "Jesus has paid it all, all to him we owe".

— Amen —

- 1- A Nation made great through Prayer - Deut. 4: 7
- 2- God is found through Prayer - Deut. 4: 29
Matt. 7: 7, 8

A { I Chron. 16: 11
" " 28: 9
II " 7: 14, 15
B { Job 22: 27
" 33: 26

- 3- God hears the Prayer of the humble { Ps. 9: 12
" 10: 17

- 4- Pray Morning noon & Evening Ps. 55: 17
Luke 18: 1

- 5- Enemies overcome through Prayer Ps. 56: 9

- 6- Forgiveness Comes " Prayer " 86: 5, 7

- 7- The Poor may pray { Ps. 102: 17
" 145: 18

- 8- Praying and believing Mk. 11: 24

- 9- Watching and praying { Lk. 21: 36
Eph. 6: 18

- 10- Through Prayer we gain all things { Jno. 14: 13, 14
" 15: 7
Rom 8: 26
Phil. 4: 6

- 11- Pray for wisdom Jas. 1: 5-7

Evodus 33: 12-17

Jan. 25-1903

Ps. 8:4

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Though man is a mystery yet we understand him somewhat. So whatever we may know about him is not considered in the question of our text. We know something of biology, physiology and anatomy. We know something of his history of his failures and successes. So the question arises why should we ask the question of the text; what is the reason for it? Our aim is to know what man is in his relation to God. The psalmist seems prompted to ask this question because he saw that God had been and was very mindful of man. God was mindful of him when he was created, for he created him in his own image. He has given to him faculties superior to those of any other creature. He has provided everything necessary to life and happiness. He has placed him in charge of the works of his hands in this world. He has crowned him with glory and honor. In the light of all these

blissing it is not strange that the psalmist began to wonder what man is. But let us consider man from the standpoint of his Value To God. Let us learn

1st That man is valuable with God according to the amount of a) humility b) patience c) sorrow for sin d) self-denial and e) Capacity for love he has.

2nd That man is of value to God because he has the possibility of growth and demonstration of his power and love in him.

3rd That man's value to God must show itself in sacrifice and service.

May we always remember that we are of value to God. May try to be ready to serve in any Capacity into which he may call us. Let us realize that our value to him will depend largely upon our living in

Close Communion
with him Amen

Feb. 22-1903 Luke 7:48

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Jesus always proved himself to be what he said he was. He never claimed to do more than he did. His power and wisdom are limitless. Jesus never makes a choice when dealing with two forms of depraved humanity for they are both alike to him. He would just as soon say to the sick of the palsy 'thy sins be forgiven' as to say 'take up thy bed and walk'. Let us learn from our text:-

1st That Jesus must have the heart before he can forgive sins.

2nd That a giving up of the heart will be seen in the deeds of the sinner.

3rd That Jesus always deals with the sinner in positive terms.

4th The Advantage in knowing just what Jesus says. a) It precludes doubt. b) Gives a new idea of life's duties. c) It gives courage.

Let us all listen to hear these blessed words of the Master Amen —

Mar. 8-1903

Luke 17: L.C. 20, 21 #

If Columbus had known that he had struck the Western shore of the Atlantic Ocean, this whole country instead of one city might carry his name to day. It was not enough for Columbus to spend many months in making his voyage across the Ocean, but he ought to have known where he was when he stopped. So you and I must know what is to be the end of our voyage across the deep angry sea of repentance. If like Columbus we feel that we are destined for some territory in our old state of sin and worldliness we have made a wonderful mistake and have robbed ourselves of a great deal of joy and honor.

Now we wish to give our attentions to a Kingdom

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that has been established through
the exposure, suffering, and
death of the Son of God and
it is God's Kingdom. Let us
learn about this Kingdom

1st Where is it established?

2nd How established?

3rd How maintained?

4 How extended

Let's never become tired of
God rule in this Kingdom.
May we always do all in
our power to extend his
Kingdom to all parts of
the world. Let us support
this Kingdom by faith and pray
Amen.

Mar. 8-1903

Eph. II: XIII

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The same man has no desire above the one to be in Communion with God. Hence the different means he has used in different ages in order to secure this Communion. We can never know the real meaning of Christ and his suffering until we have made him our mediator until we have made him our redeemer and Saviour. We are brought into close relation with God not only through our belief in Christ. But through our being in him. Let learn:—

1st That Christ's work for sinners is instantaneous with their belief in him.

2nd That our relation to God with ^{out} Christ is far off.

3rd That only one quality or attribute about Jesus will bring us poor sinners into reconciliation with God.

May come into that blessed relation which God has secured to us dying sinners.

Amen

Apr. 17 '04

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Mar. 29-1903

Rom. 1:16

Saul of Tarsus now Paul stands in the great City of Rome amid all of his refinement and wealth and culture. And no doubt he is inclined at first ^{to} use his culture and intellectuality in dealing with the aristocracy of Rome. But when he thinks of Calvary and of Jesus' words, "If I be lifted up etc." he dismisses all of his false pride and exclaims in the words of our text. Let us learn

1st Why Paul might have been a—

Shamed of the Gospel of Christ

a) It was not popular in Rome

b) Because of what he had been.

2nd Why he was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. a) Because it was the power of God. b) Because it saves every one who believes on upon the same condition.

May we ever be as the Apostle
— Amen —

Mar. 29-1903 Luke 13: 24 ^{Apr. 11-1904}

Notwithstanding the Comfort and ^{life} joy that are found in Christianity it is and must ever be a life of labor, sacrifice, self-denial and Cross bearing. To no other Creature have been given the laws and Commandments that have been given to man. From no other Creature has God exacted so much. But ^{while} this is true it is also true that no other Creature was made in God's image; no other Creature has been given the knowledge and ability to understand and execute these laws. Man naturally is proud and dignified. He likes to undertake great things and rejoices in victories and achievements. But the exhortation of our text

is not intended as a task but rather as a blessed privilege. Let us not understand the Master to teach that He is per se difficult to understand. Or that having once decided that it is hard to accept Him and to abide by His law and to follow His way. But the great trouble comes in our getting to Jesus the Strait Gate. Let us learn from our text

1st Something about the proper use of Energy.

2nd Something about ^{the} object of the gate.

a) To mark the entrance to the Kingdom. b) To secure the contents of the Kingdom c) To protect the Kingdom.

3rd What is the nature of the Gate which we have under discussion?

4th What is our relation to this Gate to be?

As we hear these words of the Master let us be encouraged for He is with us. — Amen —

24 '52 Gen. 1:1

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Thoughts of transitory ^{things} are generally the first to occupy man's mind. To obtain a place that can be called a home and to furnish it well is the high of most minds. But to observe the words of Our Lord Lay up treasures in heaven etc is generally regarded as a duty of the far off future.

Divine teaching is first seek ye the Kingdom of Heaven etc. The beginning is the period in life upon which much if not all the future depends.

Man's Relation To God in Work is
1st Man begins with an imperfect idea.
1) man begins to produce the gratifying
2) God begins with a perfect idea
2) To produce the useful.

2nd Man is first an apprentice then a master mechanic.

God is first and last a Master Mechanic

3rd Man's first provision is human and temporal. God's first provision is the spiritual and eternal.

May each of us in the beginning try by faith to win the heaven which has been created for us and then use the world to the glory of God who has given it.

John 1st Ch.

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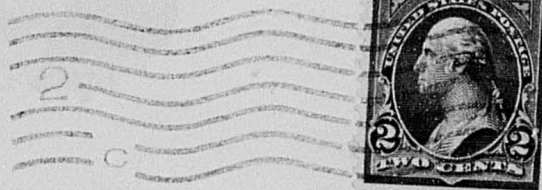
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I John 2:15,16 Love not the world neither the things that are in the world of any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world.

John. 17: 16 They are not of
the world even as
I am not of the
world

John 15: 18, 19 If the world hate
you ye know that it hated me
before it hated you. If ye were
of the world: the world would
love his own. but because ye
are not of the world but I have
Chosen you out of the world. There-
fore the world hateth you.

MEMORANDUM
The Creature that could not live
only as it was bitten by
poisonous snakes

Boy could do anything
until he had taken
some kind of poison

He called out
in Politics etc.

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THURSDAY

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James 4:4 The friend-
ship of the world is en-
mity with God.

Matt. 5:14 Ye are the
Light of the Word.
The light must not be
Come like the darkness.

I John 5:19 The whole
world lieth in Wickedness.

I John 5:14 For whatsoever
is born of God over-
cometh the world.

I Cor. 2:12 Now we have
received not the spirit
of the world. But the spirit
which is of God, that we
might know the things that
are freely given to us of
God.

1- More forceful because more union
Ill. Political bodies. Armies

2- More forceful because more loyal
Ill. Disloyal men in the P.D.
Men become unworldly, discontented
under God's administration

3rd More forceful because men are in
It not for what they can get out of
it but for the amount of good they
can do.

4th More forceful because she is in her
proper sphere. The Creature that
lived on snake poison

And you hath Re quickened

You Hee Quickened

Apr. 5-1903 Matt 21:8

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This is a wonderful day in the life of Jesus. But it is not his real Coronation day. His real Coronation was when He cried out it is finished. As now so then the people want to use Jesus for their temporal profit. But He did not come for that purpose. He had not come to displace Caesar. He did not want the thrones of Egypt, Greece, Rome nor Jerusalem as his seat of power. He wanted the hearts of men as his throne. Let us learn:-

- 1st That it is necessary to learn the nature of Jesus' Kingdom. Not carnal to serve us.
 - 2nd The Elements which must enter into the honor when we go to Jesus.
- Amen —

Apr. 12-1903 Phil. 3:10.11 ^{April 19-1908} ^μ

For the past week or two each one of us has been looking forward to this day with great anxiety. We have thought about the kind of weather we might have. We have thought of the new hat, the new suit, of the birds and flowers and I suppose some of us in our thoughts have been carried beyond Easter into the next amusement in which we might indulge. But now let us with the Apostle to the Gentiles direct our attention to the great theme of Christ and the Power of His Resurrection. The Apostle's language may sound a little strange to those who are acquainted with him. He was a man of superior knowledge and no doubt was a bright young man when Jesus was crucified. Then he had received through tradition complete knowledge of Jesus. Then we may ask the question why does he express such a

Phil. 3:10, 11

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desire to know Christ? Did he
not already know Him? What
is the nature of this knowledge
for which he craves, is it sim-
ple historical know^{ledge} which he
desires? He had that, was it knowl-
edge of Christ's principles and doc-
trines? He knew them. He knew
about Jesus' birth his Ministry and
Crucifixion. The great arch of his
faith is buidled but it must col-
lapse if he does not get in the
key stone which ^{is} the resurrection.
It is knowledge regarding this won-
derful ^{subject} which the Apostle craves.
The Apostle feels that his life here-
after depends upon his knowledge
of Jesus and his resurrection. He
took the resurrection as a matter
that had to do with him individually.
He must partake of all the suf-
ferings which were Christ's.
He must be conformed to the
death of Christ before he
can have any hope of attain-
ing unto the resurrection of the

dead.

Let us observe:—

1st That the Apostle wanted to know

I He wanted to know Jesus as the one who suffered and gave his life for the world.
(as the sustaining power in all spiritual conflicts).

II He wanted to know something about the Resurrection of Jesus. of its power.

2nd That he wanted to do as to be a partaker of Christ's sufferings & he wanted to be qualified to partake of Christ's death.
that is he wanted to fit into his death

3rd That he wanted to accomplish
as to attain unto the resurrection from the dead.

May the desire of the Apostle be
Come our desire. That
we may know him and the
power of his resurrection
and the fellowship of his sufferings
and be conformed to his death
— Amen —

Apr. 26-1903 Luke 2: 40 to 52 J.C.E.

One of the things about Jesus we like most is that he was once a little child. He used to live away across the ocean in a city called Nazareth. All the while he was a child in Nazareth he was thinking about good things and when ever he could he was doing good things. He went to school in Nazareth. His teachers were old men, gray headed with long white beards. There were not so many books in those days as there are now; so Jesus spent most all his school days reading and studying the first 39 books of the Bible for they were all that were written at that time. He had read the history of his grand father and

Luke 2: 40 to 52 2

great grand father. He had learned about how his kin people, who were called Israelites, years and years before he or his father was born had been slaves a-way down in Egypt for 400 years. His teachers had explained to him how God our Heavenly Father had sent a man named Moses to lead them out of Egypt. And when Moses had led them out so they would not be slaves any more. They remembered that while they had been slaves in Egypt a terrible disease was in the land and killed a great number of Egyptians but it passed over all the houses in which the kin people of Jesus were living. ~~And~~ They did not want to forget. nor did they want their children to forget how God had caused this terrible disease to pass over them.

So they celebrated this great kindness of God every year with a feast called the feast of the Passover. Jesus' mother and father went every year to Jerusalem to attend this feast. Year after year Jesus had been left home in Nazareth. But when he became twelve years old his mother and father took him with them. And this is the only chance we get to learn anything about the childhood of Jesus. But what we do learn is something beautiful. The morning his mother came to him and said son, father and I want you to go with us to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the Passover his joy was full. He had his plans all complete for a profitable stay in Jerusalem so upon reaching there he goes

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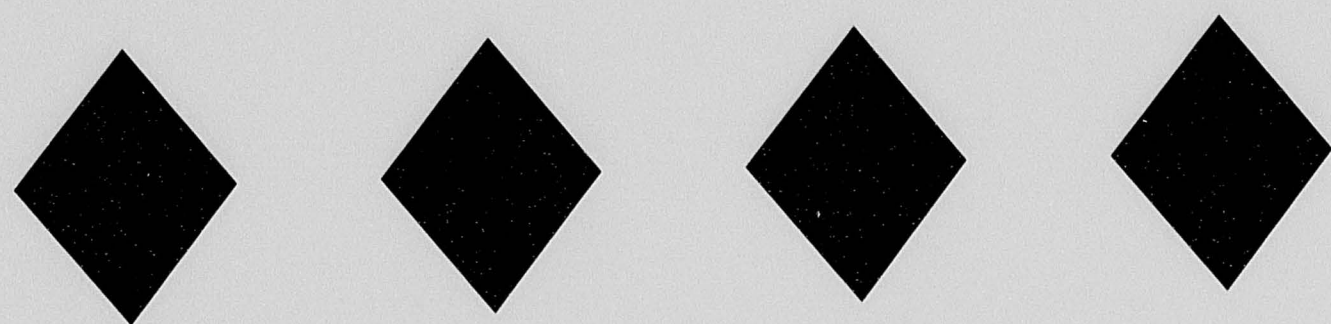
immediately to the temple where
 he observed some men looking
 in and out. They look like his
 old teacher in appearance, so he
 goes into the room where they
 are and as a dear good child
 who wants to learn and the same
 time tell them what he had learn-
 ed up in appearance. begins to ask
 and answer questions. He becomes
 so interested that he forgets everything
 else he even forgets that he has
 to go back to appearance thoughts:-
 1st Begin to learn just as early as
 possible and learn all the good things
 possible.

2nd Be always ready and willing to
 accompany your parents or old teacher
 to church.

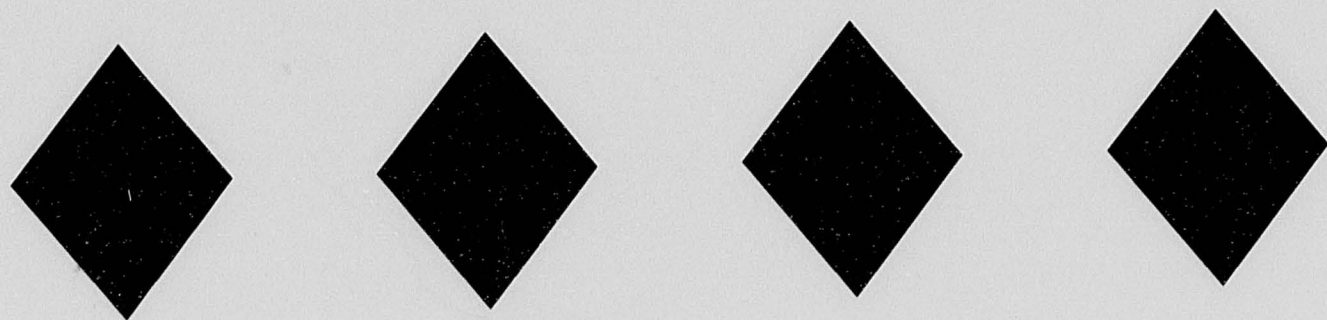
3rd Do not run around in the streets
 when you have left home to go to school.
 4th Do not be in a hurry to learn
 the Chinese.

5th Respect those who are older than
 yourself and try to learn from
 them.

6th Never be afraid or ashamed to tell what



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immediately to the temple where he discovers some wise looking old men, they look like his old teacher in Nazareth, so he goes into the room where they are and as a dear good Child who wants to learn and, ^{at} the same time tell them what he had learned up in Nazareth, begins to ask and answer questions. He becomes so interested that he forgets everything else he even forgets that he has to go back to Nazareth. Thoughts: -

- 1st Begin to learn just as early as possible and learn all the good things possible.
- 2nd Be always ready and willing to accompany your parents or S.S. Teachers to church.
- 3rd Do not run around in the streets when you have left home to go to Ch.
- 4th Do not be in a hurry to leave the Church.
- 5th Respect those who are older than yourselves and try to learn from them.
- 6th Never be afraid or ashamed to tell what

You know about your Heavenly
Father.

7th If your parents do not under-
stand how you love Jesus. Keep
on loving, and serving him
and after while they will under-
stand.

Let all of us take Jesus as our
pattern and try to be in all
things just what he was when
he was a little child on earth.

Amen

May 3 1903

James 1: 22

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We are never fooled more or greater deceived than when we think we are just up to the standard of perfection. To feel complete is to ignore all aid. It is impossible for a man to be useful to any one else or even himself by simply hearing the word or law read or spoken. He must take it into his life and make it a part of himself. It is well said practice makes perfection nor does this rule become obsolete when applied to spiritual life. Nearly every day we hear the Divine word and have the opportunity to become wiser. We may never expect to know the real good of the word until we have made it a part of us. We are exhorted to be doers of the Word:

1st In order to know more about it.

2nd That we may get its full benefit.

II

1st We may be doers by careful study and application.

2nd We may be doers of the word by faithfully trusting its promises.

May we be doers of the word because we love its contents and its Author saved us. Let us ever be ready to hear, accept and use it. We will find all of our time used in the glorious service of Him who is the Word and the Life. — Amen —

Deut. 8 Ch.

James 1 Ch.

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Mark 5-27

Intro: A helpless woman is before us
Friendless, sick, poor and sinful.
What is to become of her? Mother and father
are no more, she has no oriental
philosophers to give her words of wisdom,
the voice of magicians has become ob-
noxious to her, she has exhausted the
skill of the physicians. So what must
she do? Ah! a new light opens to her
sight, she hears of Jesus, and without
a moments doubt she makes her
way through the great throng, to him
Now ^{what} is to be done? Simply to make her
way to him and then become contented?
Oh! no but with a heart filled with
faith and fear and a trembling hand
she reaches forth and touches the hem
of Jesus garment.

Subj: Touching Jesus.

- 1st By what is this desire prompted
- 2nd The difficulties in getting to Jesus.
- 3rd Effect of the touch upon Jesus & woman.
- 4th How he may be touched.
- 5th The way in which he addresses the
one who has faith enough to touch him
Con. Let us not be hindered by the throng
but make our way to Jesus and receive that
gracious blessing.

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Apr. 11-'09
May 10-1903 Ex. 12: 13 + V

When the blood ceases to flow through the body the man dies and when dead he is lowered into the depth of the sea, cremated or buried in the earth. But in all of these dispositions there has been one and only one purpose, to destroy the bloodless form which would become a menace to the physical world if left among men. So the heathen subjects of Pharaoh were spiritually dead and according to ^{Ex. 12: 13} law which is also our law there was nothing left for him to do but destroy them.

It was not that God destroyed the Egyptians because He wanted them to die, nay but because they were dead He destroyed them. It had been the privilege of the Egyptians to have among them a people who feared God. For 400 years they had had opportunity to learn of Him and to love and obey.

Mar. 22-'08

May 3-1903

John 4: 29

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This industrious Samaritan woman was up early about her work and by 6 o'clock in the morning she was down at the well to obtain water. She brought with her an empty pitcher and an heart empty of all but a few selfish idle thoughts. To have her ~~pitcher~~ filled she expected. But to have her heart filled with the good news of salvation she did not expect. So when it came it was to her as a shower from a cloudless sky.

Let us learn:—

- 1st That a record of our acts is kept.
- 2nd Those who entertain Christ are always benefited.
- 3rd Christ gets into the hearts of men^(b) by telling them the truth.
- 4th Earthly interests lose their power over us when we associate with Christ.
- 5th Christ wants men to come to him from all places.
- 6th He takes great interest in our own history.
- 7th Christ reaches a people through an individual.
- 8th It is not our duty to force our conclusions on men, but let them come and see for themselves.

Amen

John 4: 1, 30

This incident in the life of Jesus was very early about the year and of 5% in the morning the men came at the well to obtain water. The brought with them an empty pitcher and an empty cup of oil but a few selfish little thoughts. To have the pitcher full of the expected but to have the heart filled with the good words of salvation the this was not expected. So when it came it was to the men shown from a Christian way. Let us learn:-

- 1st That a record of our acts is kept.
- 2nd That into our hearts Christ can at any time be brought.
- 3rd Christ will fill the hearts of men by telling them the truth.
- 4th Christ will fill the hearts of men by telling them the truth.
- 5th Christ will fill the hearts of men by telling them the truth.
- 6th Christ will fill the hearts of men by telling them the truth.
- 7th Christ will fill the hearts of men by telling them the truth.
- 8th Christ will fill the hearts of men by telling them the truth.

Him, but they would not. So when the Command was given to Kill a lamb for each family they were asleep yea they were dead. They had ears but they did not hear, they had eyes but they did not see, they had minds but they did not understand. Let us learn:—

1st That there are many things to which men attach a great deal of importance for which God is not looking.
 a) Nationality b) Position c) Moral goodness d) Superior knowledge of Church doctrines.

2nd The efficacy of Jesus blood must show itself upon the door ~~posts~~ of our lives, not enough to have the lamb killed the blood must be visible.

3rd God wants to see the effect of the blood ^{from} because it represents life

— Amen —

Aug. 30-1903 John 13:17 P

Our text brings a thought that would make us all express ourselves in the words of the poet, This is the way I long have sought and mourned because I found it not. Happiness is a condition of the mind that every man craves. He employs every faculty we possess to secure it. It is unlike comfort for that is a condition of the material part of man. Nor is it simple contentment, for contentment may be present in the absence of both comfort and happiness. Happiness is a condition of the soul and may be and often is independent of material conditions. For a man with body wrecked with pain you dying

may be happy. If this is true²
the question arises, what makes
it true? Is it wealth? Is it po-
sition? No neither can render
a man absolutely happy. These
have been tried by every age
and have failed. Let us hear
again what the Master says.
These are his words, If You
know and do happy are You.
We see then that happiness
is dependent:-

1st Upon Knowledge a) We
must know ourselves. I Our powers and
limitations b) We must know our relation
to our fellow-creatures and our relation to
God. c) We must know where and how to get
life's supplies.

2nd Upon Service a) Family,
b) State, c) Church and God.
Let us ever seek to know what
the will of God is and may
we always have power to do
his will. — Amen —

John ~~XIII~~ II

One of the most difficult and yet one of the most important things for one to know, who feels that he is a christian is the intimate relation existing between him and his savior.

The fears and misgivings that are common to us are relieved by such knowledge.

Our strength and preparation for service are secured in no other way. The position that we occupy ^{in God's Kingdom} must be determined by this knowledge. It is also important that we should understand the purpose of this intimate relation, it is not that we may boast of our position or of our possession

but that we should be constantly endeavoring to reproduce the life and labors of him with whom we hold this intimate relation as it been established. The value of this relation will be the more keenly appreciated when we learn the dreadful results of its abuse. In seeking this relation we must be ~~not~~ aware of semblences for there is so much that looks like life that only those who are trained in this school of experience and service can tell the real.

Let us observe:—

- 1st The nature of this relation
- 2nd The purpose of this relation
- 3rd The conditions of this relation
- 4th The definiteness of this relation

June 14-1903 Phil. 2:9 + V

That form of exaltation which comes through ~~humiliation~~ is not sought after by very many of this world. And yet this was the way that our Master received his exaltation and Crown. Jesus was willing to obey his Father in Heaven. If we are to be at all victorious in ~~winning~~ the Crown of life we must be obedient.

Let us observe

1st In what way has Jesus been exalted; and the world on the hearts of men.

2nd That Jesus' name is above every name a) To Comfort, Save.

3rd That Jesus' name is above every name a) inspire. b) attract.

Let us learn the secret of Jesus' exaltation and try to be likewise exalted. Let us suffer and labor. Let us always obey even unto death

— Amen —

June 14-1903

Phil. 1:21

June 4-1905 V.

The world never presents to us its true value until we begin to live for some one other than ourselves. We have often seen persons who had lost all ambition and have heard them say that life is not worth living. We, most of us have persuaded ourselves to believe that we are very great and of great importance, and yet if we had no one to live for but ourselves, and nothing to live for but the things that concern ourselves, suicide would be almost as pleasant. And yet we have not made all and the most important preparation when we have simply chosen some one for whom to live. We must do more, we must be certain that the person is worthy. Let us consider the subject Living Above Pernicious Environment Or Unfortunate Circumstances.

1st What pernicious environment? or unfortunate circumstances? a) Physical weakness or deformity b) Home life, Church life, c) Society, position.

2nd How to live above pernicious environment
a) Have a purpose, have one for whom to live.
b) Think and look above. Col. 3 ch.

3rd The value of living above pernicious environment, a) to yourself and others.

May we be able at all times to express ourselves as the apostle Paul
attest

June 21-1903 Matt. 18:11 V

There is something inspiring about these words. They clear away the cloud of Jewish legalism and put to flight the darkness of Greek philosophy. They lift men out of the gloomy sphere of doubt and uncertainty into the realm of faith and assurance. They take us out of the sandy path of human weakness and place our feet upon the highway of God's grace.

It was indeed a wonderful task, one upon ^{which} men had been working for centuries to little or no avail.

Let us observe:-

1st Who it is who came to save.

2nd When he came to save.

3rd What he came to save.

Nov. 15-1903

John 20: 22-23

When we have tried to separate ourselves from the world and are in the proper frame of mind; longing for a closer walk with God and a greater knowledge of his will it is then Jesus appears and pronounces his benediction upon us. These words of Jesus were to the disciples like a May breeze after the storms of Mar. They had not had much peace for three days their greatest hopes had been blighted. They had looked forward to having Jesus with them until they should make their power and influence felt. There in the accustomed place of worship they thought over what Jesus had been to them and were thinking about what they should do without him when he appeared.

and addresses them in these words.

1st The kind of peace pronounced

2nd How this peace is obtained.

3rd How this peace is to be used.

A woman becomes angry because the police walks up and down in front of her house, but she does not know a burglar is in the neighborhood and her husband has sent the policeman to guard the house. So we oftentimes become angry with that which God sends not knowing that He has sent it for our good.

A blessing is only a blessing when we use it as such. The Sabbath, Church hour.

The man unacquainted with Christ knows but little about his blessings. Hence he is not to be very much blamed if he has no real gratitude. He must be brought into the proper relation with God and has goodness first.

A Mother has a basket of the most luscious apples and her young daughter of 12 years is very desirous of obtaining them for a tea party which she is about to have. But this daughter is very angry, without very much if any good reason, with one of her little sisters. So the Mother decides to give her the apples upon the condition that she should speak and receive them through the little sister with whom she was angry and this she did and so obtained the apples. So we as God's children are offered blessings, but we are not willing to comply with the conditions.

June ~~20~~ 1903 Phil. 4:5

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The disciple of Christ has two distinct natures which demand his attention. The Carnal finds all it desires to feed upon in this world. It finds its satisfaction in obeying the laws and customs of this world. So the disciple entering a new relation as he does when he becomes a Christian ^{finds a new law}. And it is this ^{relation} important, which activates the Apostle Paul to write these words to the Church at Philippi. The words are applicable to us

- 1st Because we have many things to try us of competition and opposition.
- 2nd Virtues are beneficial only as we make them known to men.
a) To the proud and haughty b) wise and simple c) Rich and poor.
- 3rd The benefits derived from meditation. d) spiritual strength e) love
f) a greater knowledge of God and his will
Amen

July 5-1903 Ps. 116: 12, 13 μ.

Simply to be sensible of benefits bestowed is not enough one should appreciate and try as far as possible to repay. The tramp goes from door to door receiving aid and giving in return mouth thanks, without truly appreciating from the heart the kindness extended, to him. Those who receive blessings from God are called upon to improve upon this method of rendering thanks. And optimistic in the attempt to render acceptable thanks we find ourselves just where the Psalmist was. The ancient Jew took the Cup of Salvation because he had been saved from the hand of the cruel Egyptian but we take the

Ps. 116: 12, 13 2

Cup of salvation and call
upon the name of the
Lord because he has
saved us from the
Cruel hand of Satan.
Let us Consider:—

1st That Knowledge of fav-
ors bestowed is Es-
sential to true Gratitude.

2nd Prayerful Contempla-
tion leads to a holy
decision.

3rd Human Efforts must
be Divinely Sanctioned be-
fore they can be spirit-
ually useful.

May we always realize that we
have been saved.
— Amen —

July 5-1903 II Kings 2:13, 14 V

The event related in the words of our text severs the companionship of two men of God. To one it must have brought great sorrow and to the other unspeakable joy. One was left in this world of disappointment, discouragements, temptations and trials; the other was taken to a realm of joy, a world of peace, a home of love, and happiness. Elisha stands upon the bank of the Jordan with his heart filled with sorrow. In his mind are thoughts of a triumphant prophet, and in his hand he holds the mantle of an ascended saint. This event in the life of Elisha caused him

II Kings 2:13,14

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to reflect as never before.
Prayerful Reflection and
Its Value

1st It makes us feel our dependence upon God.

2nd It makes us more courageous in divine service.

3rd It makes life more real and earnest.

4th It makes heaven nearer.

As we go about the discharge of our duties let us encourage and console with the thought that we have a great multitude of redeemed ones who are watching over us and above all that Jesus is watching over us.

— Amen —

July 12-1903 John 16: 33 ^{July 9-1905} V

The great trial that would come to his disciples at his departure was vivid before Jesus at this time. He felt the grief and sorrow which they must experience. He therefore felt that it was necessary for him to tell them to what source they must look for peace. He did not want them to spend their ^{time} profitlessly among the things of this world hunting for peace. Let us observe:-

1st The active Christian's life in this world.

2nd The Christian is to be of good cheer because Jesus his Example has overcome and so shall he.

3rd The Christian's peace is to be found only in Jesus and what he has done. Rejoice in this peace
Amen

John 4: 29

- 1- Men are always interested in their own history.
- 2- Jesus can reach a multitude through an individual.
- 3- It pays to tarry long with Jesus.
- 4- It is not our duty to force our conclusions on men. Let them come and see for themselves.

July 12-1903 Ps. 27: 11

Feb. 26-'05

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This is a great world in which we live. And at best we know a very little about it. We study our Geography, descriptive and physical and our Geology and we learn something about the earth's structure something of her rivers and mountains. Then we study natural History secular and sacred History and we become acquainted with the inhabitants of the world. But we don't know how to travel from one place to another only as we are guided by some one who knows the way. And ~~some~~ we need some one who knows to teach us the way of Truth Righteousness and Eternal life.

In these times of hurry and
haste the young man and
young woman are not un-
der their tutors very long be-
fore they feel that they know
all that is necessary to car-
ry them through life. And that
on Commencement day they
dismiss their teachers for-
ever. This is not and can not be
true in spiritual life. Our
Commencement is the beginning of
our need of a teacher. Let us learn:
1st That there must be a desire to
know God's way before we can be
taught it.

2nd That we must recognize our ig-
norance of his way before we
can be taught it.

3rd That God is always willing
to teach us His way, if
we are willing to study His rules.
Let us always ask God to teach us,
and lead us. Amen

James 1: 21

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Let us receive into our lives until they have been cleansed by the Holy Spirit.

Let us remember

1st That God's Word is its own explanation. It needs no additions.

2nd That God's Word can not be received without preparation.

3rd How shall we retain God's Word?

4th How to use God's Word. For doctrine, learn from it what we are to believe and practice. For Reproof, Correction to keep us from errors and mistakes. For instruction in Righteousness, training in right principles.

We are all interested in our souls let us therefore employ the means which have been provided for us. Let us observe the exhortation of the Apostle James
Amen

July 19 1903 James 1: 21 pe

I think we can lay it down as a permanent rule as an un-
changeable law that no one is fit
for membership in the Christian
Church until he has with
meekness gladly received the
Word of God which is given
by inspiration and is profit-
able for doctrine, Reproof, Cor-
rection and Instruction in Right-
eousness. That the man of God
may be perfect & thoroughly furn-
ished unto every good work.

He can never be entirely va-
cant in our lives. We are so
constituted that if we are not
filled with the good the bad
will find room and enter.

The Word of God is so pure and
holy that only those who partake
of that nature can profit there-
by. Nay the Word will not en-

July 26-1903 Rom. 12: 2 ^{Dec. 31-1905}

There are at least two distinct ways by which a man may be changed in this life, one is ^{by} adjusting his external his materiality to environment, adapting him to the fashions and customs of the age in which he lives. It is common to speak of such an individual as being "up to date". He is liable, in his endeavors to keep up with the times, to compromise, endanger his health and even his life. He is governed by the age in his dressing, eating drinking and sleeping. He never thinks it necessary to consult his own strength or feeling until he is compelled to do so.

The other way by which a man may be changed is renewing the mind so that the thinking and speaking and acting will be changed. This latter change seems to be, it is the most profitable. We need therefore to learn:-

1st Something of our nature and the changes to which we are subject. He must have brought vivid to our minds the old saying that we are creatures of Custom; that our material life is subject to impressions; that there are certain Elements which are continually operating upon us.

2nd The relation of Mind to body and Spirit; how the condition of the mind affects the body and spirit.

3rd How the mind may be renewed. What must be used. a) Select God as the object of your thoughts and he will direct your mind into fitter finds where it will be refreshed and renewed.

Let the words of the Apostle ring in our ears and let them shape our lives

————— Amen —————

Aug. 1-1903 Phil. 2: 1, 2, 3 ^{Jan. 8-'05} pc

Christian virtues are something more than instruments with which to work our way into heaven. What does the consolation which Jesus imparts to us mean? Does it mean that we shall be simply contented and pleased with ourselves? It means more than this and so with the love and fellowship of the Spirit and the Compassion and pity which we have received from God. They are all intended and must serve to unify the people of God. These virtues possessed by each child of God make a mighty force for righteousness possible. They make what would be otherwise impossible easy and delightful.

We are continually learning from God's word that we as his people have upon us obligations that other people do not have. Other people feel that they are at liberty to have as many minds and think as many ways as there are persons. But we are exhorted to be of the same mind. Let us observe:-

1st That Christian Service is a Service where one mind must control.

2nd That Christian thinking ought to be governed by a master mind.

3rd How Convenient it is to be governed by a superior in our spiritual efforts. May we always heed the words of the Apostle.
Amen

Aug. 2-1903 Luke 11: 24, 25, 26 V

No man who wishes to ^{be} successful in life can afford to handle carelessly his possessions, for if he do they are liable to slip from him. The Lord operates on men so they may strong and useful. He has not chosen any man for a spiritual ornament. The idle man is Satan's best friend. Let us learn
1st That in this world we are never free from evil.

2nd That men are safe only as they retain what God imparts
3rd That a man needs to give attention his spiritual life at all times

May we always be vigilant
and not allow the evil one to rule us. — Amen —

Aug. 30-1903 Ps. 103:5 July 30-'05 V

There are two things about which most people do not like to think. One is death the other is old age. Everything possible is done to delay either. And yet every one knows both must come. We can not arrest death but we can delay it. We can almost destroy old age. The Psalmist gives us the way in which it is done. Let us learn,

1st That when we partake of God's provisions we are refreshed and revived.

2nd That his provisions strengthen and give lofty aspirations. Like the Eagle

3rd That there is a state in which we need not become old, that is in Christ Jesus.

May it always be our aim to be youthful in our spiritual life, and be strong in God's Spirit — Amen —

Aug. 9, 1903
July 14, 1908

Matt. 26; 19, 20 + V
Feb. 18, 1912

Whether or not we are to have sweet communion with the Master in the evening of life depends upon the way in which we do his will in the activities of life.

There could not be a greater privilege a higher honor than to be numbered among those who have been Commissioned to prepare for our Lord's Comfort. We should shrink more of this than of any other service which we render.

The preparation must be completed before the Master comes, and sits down and eats and sups with us. Let us observe:—

- 1st That one of the last things that Jesus did was to make this will.
 - 2nd That ~~in~~ this important institution Jesus does not leave it to the disciples but establishes it himself and tells its meaning.
 - 3rd That the important feature about the Lord's Supper is that we commune with him.
- Amen

Sept. 6-1903 Matt. 4: 2, 11 μ

This season of fasting through which Jesus passed was not a simple fasting of the physical man but of the mental also. It was a season of planning and preparing for the establishing of the King^{dom} of God. And I take it to be no simple conjecture when we say that when he hungered it was not simply for that which sustains the physical; but he hungered to be about the work which he came into the world to do. For he said my meat and drink is to do the will of the Father who sent me. Let us observe the Temptations

- 1st The ~~world~~ Flesh

- 2nd The World

- 3rd The Devil

Let us by His power overcome
Amen

Oct. 4-1903 John 12: 7

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Love for and devotion to Jesus must be, will, ^{be} expressed in some legitimate way. Each one has his own peculiar way of expressing his love for and devotion to Jesus. The woman whose brother had been raised from the dead was too full of gratitude and joy to remain indifferent and unconcerned in the presence of her Lord. No one knew, no one could know the joy that was welling up in her breast until she expressed it. Let us learn

1st That God's purpose in us will not be made known only through
a) Service & sacrifice.

2nd That as we labor, sacrifice, and suffer we should never forget that we are God's servants and he forbids idolatry. ^{all} Job, Moses, Dan.

3rd Human agency can not undo that which we do in Jesus' name. under the Holy Spirit

Dec. 10-1905

Oct. 11-1903

Rom. 5:6

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The human family was never contented away from God. But there was only one ^{way} by which they could get back to him. They struggled and endeavored hard to get back and when Jesus came they had exhausted themselves and he found them helpless without strength. In due time Christ died for the ungodly. Let us observe:—

1st The condition in which the human family was when Jesus came and died.

2nd That Jesus died according to the time appointed, did not defer. Did not change

3rd There was no hiding of the purpose of his death it was for the ungodly. Let us rejoice in what comes to us through Jesus death
Amen

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Buffalo, N. Y., September 4, 1903.

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Yours truly,

J. Edward Nash
Clerk of the Association.

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Oct. 11-1903

P.S. 87: 3

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I suppose there are many mothers and fathers who this morning wish there were no cities. For in the modern City the young man and young woman do not find safety and security. They find many things which poison the mind and feed the most sinful desires. In them we find places of infamy that would almost put the arch-fiend himself to shame. Here sin in all of its forms is practiced. The Saloon, the gilded palace whose occupants are steeped in sin, the den where men sell their souls are all found in ^{the} here we find the work house, the hospital

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the prison for bad girls and
murder boys. Here we find
the blind, the deaf and dumb,
the halt and maimed. And
yet people are flocking
into our Cities by the thous-
ands. Do they come that
they may become acquainted
with the Conditions which
I have been describing or
is there something more
wholesome more attractive
which draws them? Yes
there are many things
which I have not men-
tioned that they will find.
They will find Commerce on
the move, industry alive,
money in circulation. They
will find great school and
library facilities. They will find
Street Rail ways, Telegraph, and

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Telephone Systems, great
postal and Messenger Service.
Here are the Religious Centers,
Churches, Charitable institutions
Young Women's and Young
Men's Christian Associations
and many other organiza-
tions which have for their
object the uplifting of hu-
manity will be found
in the City. So the psalm-
ist has used a very compre-
hensive figure in speaking
of God's people and the place
where they dwell. For the
Church, the Called out are
in the truest sense of the
term God's City. Here
his people must listen
to his voice and to express

Ps. 87: 3

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to him our praises. Then
Let us see:—

1st For what the City of God stands,
why should glorious things be
spoken of her?

2nd Who should speak glorious
things of her.

3rd How may we speak glorious
things of God's City?

4th What should be the hopes
and expectations of God's
Citizens?

5th Who is the center of attrac-
tion in the City of God?
who has made the City
glorious?

May each of us get into God's
City in such a way that
we may witness her full
glory. — Amen —

Acts 8-31

Intro: To night we have before us two great men, one noted for his position in the government, the other for his Christian integrity. Just upon the words of our text rest the destiny of so many souls. Here is a man who had to be discolor'd of his sinful and haughty desires. His mind had to be renovated before he could know the good Christ to men.

1st Belief is essential to obedience.

2nd There must be individual faith.

3rd The believer's desire must be undivided.

4th Obedience is not forced upon us.

5th The destructive influence of unbelief.

Con. If thou believest thou mayest. So it behooves us not only to believe but to try and get others to believe also. Let us believe and obey God's words.

Romans 14 ch.

No. 762

Oct. 25-1903 Matt. 6:24

- It is well to be reminded of the things that we can not do. We must learn something about the rules and conditions of the Christian Service before we enter. Something about the impossibilities and the possibilities. To become a member of any society means obedience to the laws of that society. Then an important question comes to us, that is the object of our Christianity or why are we Christians?
- 1st To ~~sustain~~ secure ourselves,
a) from sickness b) from sorrow c) from death.
 - 2nd To sustain the Cause, a) by loyalty. b) by earnestness c) by perseverance.
 - 3rd To reflect the Author a) in love b) in sympathy. c) in service d) in suffering.

May our Christian Cause be uppermost in our minds and may we ever prove ourselves worthy of the name we carry.

Amen

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3rd Ch. 1 Cor.

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Dan. 12: 3

Daniel's experience enabled him to write the words of our text. Nature and her beauties had made a great impression upon him. The brightness of the firmament much more to him than wild fancy. When he looked into the heavens it was then he got an all but perfect idea of what a Christian's life should be. Solomon tells of the value of wisdom. Let us get the thought of the Prophet.

- 1st Our wisdom is seen in the luster of our life

- 2nd The luster of our life is dependent upon the quality and condition of our life.

- 3rd To accept ^{and to} impart wise instruction is to perpetuate light. Let us by grace and through faith in him who is light shine.

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Isa. Isa 1-11 & 17

Intro:- The Prophet seems to be greatly concerned about the prosperity and progress of his people, who had returned with him from captivity. And through the spirit of prophecy he is permitted to look through many centuries and see the condition of the Church which was vividly represented by the inhabitants of Jerusalem who had returned from captivity and yet were slow to take hold of the great work of building the temple, a house of worship. Let us learn from our text.

1st That God watches over his work.

2nd He sends his messengers ^{to} inspect and superintend his work.

3rd Our negligence is reported to God.

4th That an universal awakening is needed.

5th That a promise of God's mercy is given.
Let awake and put on our armor and build up the Master's house.

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37 P.S.

Heb. 10-36

Intro: The Christian life is made up of variegated scenes. There is much of the dark, gloomy, and deplorable on one side of the modern Christian's life. But as the apostle has expressed it in our text we must have patience to look upon the other where there is even more than the land of Canaan, the eternal promises of God.

Subj Holy Contentment

1st It gives more joy in laboring.

2nd It gives more strength.

3rd It brings sweeter rest.

4th It enables us to assist others.

5th It is Christ like.

6th How it may be obtained.

Con. Let have patience and look for that promise which is left us.

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John XVI Ch.

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Numbus 14 - N. L. C.

Intro: Moses was reluctant to take up the great work, leading the Israelites out of bondage, but by God's promises to him he took fresh courage and went forth to perform his Master's will. Leaves all of the enjoyments of Egypt for the cause of his people and sake of his Creator.

Subj: Ingratitude of Disciples.

1st It produces indolence & forgetfulness.

2nd Compromises the Christian Cause.

3rd Deprives us of many blessings.

4th Brings despondency & discouragement.

5th Has a bad objective influence.

Con. With prayerful hearts let us be grateful to God for all his wonderful works toward us and not murmur in our wildernesses of distress.

~~Sum 14-2.~~

1 Peter 2, Ch.

Hymn 706

Luke 15- 29, 30.

Intro. The spirit of humiliation and submission has ever been overshadowed by ignorance, prejudice, and boasting, in sinful man. It has always been his aim to look upon the actions of his fellows as being the most pernicious and deplorable that could be produced. But at the same time this same individual will hold up his own action as upright, pure and just. Thus it was with the one represented in our text.

1st Answer without consideration.

2nd A little ^{submission} sincerity gives way to boasting.

3rd Displeasure from selfishness.

4th Another abused for self justification.

5th The end of a hypocrite's good works.

Con. Let us, as the Disciples of Christ
do away with our sinfulness,
selfishness and prejudice and
accept those who desire to come into
the Kingdom of Christ.
Amen

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Att 23 Ch.

Gen. 2-15

Intro: That part of Creation called man has ever been honored with an abundance of God's Love and Kindness. It was he who was made after God's own image and it was he who God said should be Master of all beasts of the field and fowl of the air and fish of the sea. And in our text we see the position in which he is placed. But let us consider the Result of Adam's ~~Possession~~ ~~Possession~~

- 1st In dishonor to God
 - 2nd Hurtful knowledge
 - 3rd A surrounding distraction
 - 4th Immediate sorrow to him and family
 - 5th Finally the loss of Paradise.
- Con Let us keep the garden of our hearts which is within us.
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38 P.S.

39 & 40 P.S.

Matt. 20-15

Intro: Those who are idle

1st The eastern custom
The negligent are
generally fault finders

2nd The reward is given
not in consideration
of the time we have been
engaged, but in con-
sideration of what is done

3rd Many enter to reap
the reward without
service

4th The contrast between
God's justice and
Man's justice.

Rom. 12 & 13 chs.
Hymn 153

John 11:39 and 44

Our greatest spiritual activity can not be seen while we are buried here beneath the clods and stones of iniquity. The train can not go while the steam is shut off and the breaks are kept on. Hence the conductor, brakeman and engineer to arrange and keep these different parts in order. So with us we have and ought to submit to the wishes of the agencies which arrange and keep our lives in order and readiness for useful service. The Camel that lies down upon the scorching sands of the Sahara for needed rest is inactive apparently dead, but at the voice of his Master he arises with new strength and fresh courage and starts off again upon his journey. Let us consider

- 1st The effect of confinement.
- 2nd The object of our assembling.
- 3rd The duties of life how they come.
- 4th The utility of our power, its freedom.

Let us listen to the command take away the stone then let us obey. May we not become discouraged because of our temporary confinement.
Amen

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Col. 3rd ch.

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I Peter 5: 6, 7

The first part of this exhortation would appear very hard were it not for the remainder which brings consoling promises. It is not very hard for us to get low for a while when we think we are to be raised higher thereby.

Great honors do not come without some sacrifices. Comforts are not gained without some trouble. Let us observe,

1st The distinction between humility and indolence.

2nd That under God's protection we may humble ourselves to an advantage.

3rd That we should never expect too little from God.

While our eyes shall be engaged viewing the grand position to which we will be exalted may our hearts and hands be engaged doing God's will.

Amen

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I Peter 5 Ch.

Nov. 22-03 I Cor. 15:10

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Our attainments in life, if we are allowed to tell ^{our} the result of our own effort. Man is not reluctant to place the responsibility of his evil qualities or misfortunes upon some one other than himself. But to give praise and honor where it is due to many becomes a hard task. But the words of our text the Apostle makes a clear declaration concerning one who had made him what he was. Let us observe:

1st That in order to impress others with an argument, we must oftentimes give an account of ourselves.

2nd Of ourselves we are helpless ignorant and sinful.

3rd But a knowledge of the Source of Aid gives us new assurance and greater power and influence. Let us so live that we may look to God and his grace for advancement and the final triumph.

O.S. 121-122

Eph. 5th.

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Luke 19:5
Nov. 22-1903

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Intro. Zacchaeus was a man held in high esteem both by the Romans and inferior class of Jews. The importance attached to his position would naturally give him great prestige among the people whom he served.

Our presidents are exalted by men and held in very high esteem, and not only the president, but the governor and all of our municipal officers are considered ~~as~~ being men of great importance and out of the sphere of ordinary men. But when compared with God, nay, with the Son of God they are found to be

nothing. Zacchaeus, though a man of small stature, had never looked upon himself as such until he looked upon Jesus, and desiring, from a curious motive to get a good observation of this great man, Jesus he finds, that on account of the multitude, it necessary for him to ascend a tall sycamore tree that stood near by. But Jesus, beholding him and knowing his motive, commands him to come down. Hence the words of our text.

Luke 19-5

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1. That Jesus takes particular notice of those desiring to see him.
2. He makes them know that he is noticing them.
3. He teaches to utilize the time which is given.
4. He abides with those desiring to see him, to do them good.

Con. Let us come down from our tree of selfishness and sinful lusts and have Jesus abide with us.

Hymn 22.
after Prais God etc.

Ps. 120-121-122-123-124-
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Knowing the needs of the body and where they may be supplied is great knowledge indeed. It is really the foundation of all true growth in the human system. To place about us the most advantageous Environment should be our highest aim. The parent wants to see his children grow more and more like himself, strong and understanding. Hence the many provisions made on their behalf; the different kinds of food, of apparel the family comforts etc. Thus God our Father has provided for our spiritual development.

1st "Becoming Christlike is spiritual development, and begins with the new birth."

2nd "It is gradual but permanent, but gradual."

3rd "It is fostered by appropriating given means."
4th "It gives one independence of one carnal things."

5th "It effects the entire composition of man. May Jesus ever be our example of holiness. Amen"

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God's instructions are not given to us in a general way, in what is good for one is good for all fashion, but they are given to us as individuals. So each one must be careful to see what God will speak to you. The same piece of music has different charms for different persons, the same poem has a different meaning to different persons and so the same passage of God's word has a specific message for each individual. So the man who sleeps while God is speaking thinking if all the other members of the Church hear that that is all that is necessary makes a big mistake and hinders the progress of God's Kingdom. So here we may and indeed must bring the young into prominence without bigotry or egotism. The older members of the Church are often more anxious about what God is speaking to young members than they are about what He is

Ps. 85: 8

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Speaking to them. It is a good sign when God's people draw near enough to him and become attentive enough to hear what he has to say. Let us observe:

1st That God always speaks that which we ought to hear and delight in. a) Righteousness, b) Love, c) Peace. d) Truth

2nd What are some of the things which keep us from hearing what God speaks?
a) Living in a low spiritual atmosphere, b) Lack of study c) ^{Pr}Murmuring, ^{time}Complaining.

3rd How to hear, a) through prayer b) Meditation, c) Service.

Let us never be in too great a hurry, but let us stop and listen for God's message to us. May we always have confidence to believe that God will speak peace to his people.

— Amen —